

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<i>In re</i> Application of:	Atty. Docket No.: 161765.00417 (3387/01/US)
<b>TREMONT et al.</b>	
Serial No.: Divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/286,987	Group Art Unit: TBA
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For: Novel Mono- and Di-Fluorinated Benzothiepine Compounds as Inhibitors of Apical Sodium Co-Dependent Bile Acid Transport (ASBT) and Taurocholate Uptake	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-captioned patent application, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment. It is believed that no fee is due for filing this Preliminary Amendment. However, if there is a fee, please debit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

An AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION section begins on page 2 of this paper.

A LISTING OF CLAIMS reflects claim amendments and begins on page 3 of this paper.

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